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In re Patent Application of)
Eugene B. LEVICH et al.) Previous Art Unit: 1752
Continuation of Serial No. 09/028,932) Previous Examiner: M. Angebranndt
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For: SILVER HALIDE MATERIAL FOR) HC:bcj:
OPTICAL MEMORY DEVICES)
WITH LUMINESCENT READING)
AND METHODS FOR THE TREAT-)
MENT THEREOF)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-referenced continuation application, kindly enter
the following preliminary amendment:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1 to 54, without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter
therein.

Please add new Claims 55 to 60:

-- 55. A digital optical memory device comprising:

(a) a digital optical memory medium comprising a plurality of layers of a
luminescent material for an optical digital memory device, each of said plurality of layers
comprising insoluble microparticles dispersed in a water soluble polymer, said microparticles